

# MEDICAID-PEACHCARE NOTIFICATION 09/14/2009: OUTPATIENT FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHARMACY PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## NOMINATIONS FOR DURB

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is seeking recommendations for appointment to the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB). These appointments will have an effective date of **October 1, 2010** and service duration of three (3) years. As vacancies become available, appointments will occur prior to October 1, 2010.

The DURB was established under the authority of Section 1903 (3) A of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, (OBRA '90). The Board's purpose is to make recommendations to the Department regarding various aspects of the pharmacy benefit services provided to members of Georgia Medicaid. Additionally, the Department provides an annual report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that describes the yearly activities of the Board.

Members' duties may include reviews of medical criteria and standards as well as recommendations for educational intervention methods and preferred drug list status determination. The Board gathers information relating to drug therapy and outcome assessments in order to identify opportunities for more efficient drug utilization and cost-effective therapies while decreasing adverse events in consideration of regulatory requirements. All members serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

Nominees submitting information for appointment to the twenty-member Board will be considered based on areas of expertise and varied practice sites involving the prescribing, dispensing, teaching and monitoring of outpatient medications. Each member is appointed by the Commissioner to a three (3) year term and is paid an hourly rate per meeting, preparation and attendance plus round trip travel mileage.

Please forward the names of persons that you or your organization wishes to recommend for appointment. The Department requests a biographical sketch or curriculum vitae to accompany each nomination that includes the nominee's address, telephone number, and any special professional qualifications.

**Nominations should be submitted to Ms. Patricia Jeter, MPA, RPh, no later than COB October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at this address:

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Pharmacy Services – 37th Floor  
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Your assistance and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions specific to this communication, please contact the DCH Pharmacy Services Unit at 404-656-4044